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PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 05/07/01, 3:30 P.M.
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 05/07/01, 12:38 P.M.
NATURE OF CALL: POSSIBLE FIREARM DISCHARGE NEAR SCHOOL
LOCATION OF CALL: 16801 PLACER HILLS ROAD, PLACER HILLS SCHOOL
CASE NUMBER: SO-01-7429
SUSPECTS: VEHICLE: RED FORD PICKUP TOWING UTILITY TRAILER

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Placer County deputy sheriffs responded to the Placer Hills School, located in Meadow Vista after receiving information that a weapon may have been discharged near the school grounds.

Three nine-year-old students reported that a white male driving a red Ford pick-up truck with a camper shell and trailer combination may have discharged some type of weapon near the school grounds while driving westbound on Placer Hills Road. The three students reported the incident to Bert Goldhammer, the Placer Hills School principal, who in turn called the Sheriff's Office for assistance.

A security perimeter of the school was established by uniform deputies while school staff locked down the school and students for a period of ninety minutes. The three students were interviewed at length and the area was checked for evidence and potential witnesses. No evidence of a weapon being discharged was located and it remained possible that what the children heard could have been a backfire from the vehicle in question.

The students were released from a lockdown status at 2:15 p.m. after the school and the scene was determined secured by sheriff's deputies. School staff will be advising parents of the incident. The Sheriff's Department is currently requesting information from any persons who may have seen the red Ford pickup and trailer to call the Department with any information. A uniformed school resource officer will be on scene at the Placer Hills School tomorrow morning to answer any questions from inquiring parents.

The incident remains under investigation.

RELEASED BY: Lt. Chal DeCecco

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